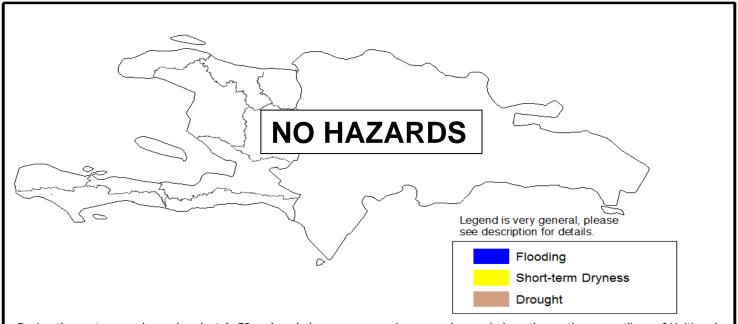






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET November 15 – November 21, 2012

Heavy rain showers caused flooding across northern Haiti during the past week.



During the past seven days, abundant (>50mm) and above-average rains were observed along the northern coastlines of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Heavy coastal showers across northern Hispaniola resulted in flooding in the Nord and Nord-Est departments of Haiti. The flooding caused fatalities, damages to infrastructure, displacement of local populations and loss of crops. The impacts across northern Haiti have come only weeks after Hurricane Sandy severely impacted portions of southern Hispaniola, also resulting in fatalities, damages to roads and infrastructure, displacement of populations, spread of water-borne disease and major crop losses. The copious amounts of rain observed during the past thirty-days have led to rainfall surpluses exceeding 100mm and more than 200% above climatology across Hispaniola. Saturated ground conditions are expected to continue during the next several weeks. For the next week, light to moderate rains (5-40mm) are forecast across much of Hispaniola including flood affected portions of northern/southern Haiti and northwestern Dominican Republic. The lighter rainfall totals should provide relief to southern portions of Haiti which were heavily impacted by Hurricane Sandy and northern portions of Haiti which were flooded during the past week. Locally heavy rain (>40mm) is possible across northeastern portions of the Dominican Republic.